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Optimizing Catalysts In Parallel-  
Flow Microreactors

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COMMUNICATION  
(AFTER ALLOWANCE)

Sir:

This Communication is submitted after allowance of the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request consideration of the references listed on and enclosed with a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement dated June 23, 2004.

As discussed in a phone conversation with Examiner Alexander on September 22, 2004, a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was filed by application on June 23, 2004, and was indicated as being received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 28, 2004. Copies of this previously-submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, the references cited therein, the corresponding Transmittal Letter and the corresponding Postcard (indicating receipt in the Office) are attached hereto.

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Applicants also note that reference was made to this previously-submitted Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement in the Amendment D (*see* p. 19) filed and received by the Office on the same dates as the Information Disclosure Statement.

In as much as this Information Disclosure Statement was timely and appropriately submitted during prosecution of the above-identified patent application, and in as much as the references cited therein, considered alone or in combination with the other art of record, do not raise any new issues relating to patentability, Applicants respectfully request that (i) these references be considered before issue of the patent application, (ii) an Examiner's initialed copy of the PTO Form 1449 be made of record indicating that the references were considered, and (iii) the references be listed on the issued patent.

Applicants believe that no further fees are required in connection with this Communication. If necessary, however, the Examiner is hereby authorized to charge any other necessary and required fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0496.

Respectfully submitted,



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